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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as set forth below and consider the following remarks.

In the Claims:

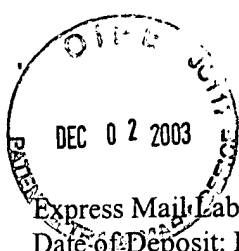
Please cancel claim 1. Please add new claims 47-58 as follows:

- 47. (new) A fuel cell system comprising a fuel source, an anode chamber, a cathode chamber in gaseous communication with the anode chamber, and a protonically conducting membrane electrolyte.
- 48. (new) The fuel cell system according to claim 47, wherein no liquid is communicated between the anode chamber and the cathode chamber.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- ☒ Second Preliminary Amendment [4 pgs.];
- ☒ Amendment Transmittal Letter [1 pg.];
- ☒ Check No. 1694 to cover amendment fee; and
- ☒ a Return Postcard

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 212/692-6803, New York, New York. All correspondence should now be directed to the new address for Applicant's representative listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

| <u>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</u> | | | | | |
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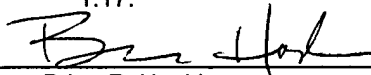
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